

# **IOWA VERTICAL INFRASTRUCTURE ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**February 17, 2012  
Meeting Minutes**

The Governor's Vertical Infrastructure Advisory Committee met at the Hoover State Office Building, Des Moines, Iowa.

## **Call to Order and Roll Call**

The meeting was called to order at 9:10 am by Scott Norvell followed by roll call and introductions. There was not a quorum present, so the meeting proceeded on an unofficial basis.

Those in attendance were as follows:

Scott Norvell, Vertical Infrastructure Advisory Committee Member  
Eve Palmer, Vertical Infrastructure Advisory Committee Member  
Camille Valley, Vertical Infrastructure Advisory Committee Member  
Mike Carroll, Dept. of Administrative Services, General Services Enterprise  
Caleb Hunter, Dept. of Administrative Services, General Services Enterprise  
Brant Carr, Dept. of Administrative Services, General Services Enterprise  
Charlee Cross, Dept. of Administrative Services, General Services Enterprise  
Jeannie Adams, Dept. of Administrative Services, General Services Enterprise  
Jennifer Moehlmann, Dept. of Administrative Services, General Services Enterprise  
Emily Narayan, Dept. of Administrative Services, General Services Enterprise  
Shane Antle, Dept. of Public Safety  
Mickel Edwards, Dept. of Corrections  
Karalyn Kuhns, Human Services Administration

The following committee members were absent:

Tom Nichols, Vertical Infrastructure Advisory Committee Member  
Dan Prymek, Vertical Infrastructure Advisory Committee Member  
Gary Benshoof, Vertical Infrastructure Advisory Committee Member  
Tara Barney, Vertical Infrastructure Advisory Committee Member

## **Consent Agenda**

Since there wasn't a quorum, the consent agenda was tabled until the next meeting.

## **Ongoing Issues/Staff Reports**

Jennifer Moehlmann discussed the recommendation for the roughly \$1.4 million in major maintenance projects and informed the committee another roughly \$3 million in recommended projects were pending approval from bond counsel. Approximately \$1 million of major maintenance will be held in reserve for emergency funds. Jennifer will prepare a list of all recommended projects and indicate which ones are approved by the bond counsel, add how much left for contingency, and notify members via email. Camille Valley asked that Jennifer also include a partial list of unfunded projects to give the Committee some additional context.

### **Legislative Update**

Caleb Hunter said the Governor's budget recommendation did not allocate any funding for major maintenance. Caleb said the obligations that are currently leveraged against the Rebuild Iowa Infrastructure funds make it extraordinary difficulty to fund additional projects. FY2013 Governor's recommendation included an overview of commitments already made out of the Vertical Infrastructure Committee: \$66 million in General Funds, \$55 million I-Jobs debt services, \$15 million division of Iowa, \$5 million for school infrastructure debt service, \$3 and ¼ million for the federal subsidy fund. Caleb believes that everyone understands the issue of major maintenance funding has been neglected and does need attention but it is hard to allocate assets that aren't there.

Scott Norvell commented on how administrative picture has changed – how can we continue to be effective and be responsible in terms of what the executive order is and what we're asked to do? How can we do our share to keep expenses down? Director Mike Carroll indicated that the funding for the administration and the activities of this committee comes from the major maintenance fund from the legislature, which is currently zero. Mike Carroll thinks the frequency and amount of time spent on the meetings on this committee should be reduced to a point where it's commensurate to what we're dealing with. Camille Valley said it's not that expensive and thinks that the bulk of the cost is staffing costs. She added she knows we're dealing with zero but part of it is our number one priority to keep in front of the Governor and Legislature. Mike Carroll said that he's not indicating quitting but just doesn't see the meaning of spending money that we don't have.

### **2012 Planning**

Camille indicated that we should postpone the next meeting until session is over. A conference call was scheduled on February 21st at 4:00 p.m. to review the consent agenda due to lack of quorum at the February 17<sup>th</sup> meeting. The Committee's next official meeting will be May 10, 2012.

### **Other Business**

The Committee discussed the possibility of replacing Committee Member Gary Benshoof because he hasn't attended several meetings. Jennifer Moehlmann said it has been brought up to the Governor's office, but is not a priority with the Legislature in session.

### **Adjourn**

Meeting adjourned at 10:10 a.m.